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Step Therapy Bill Passes the Senate with Bipartisan Support

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MADISON- Today, Senate Bill 26 passed the Senate with unanimous, bipartisan support. This bill aims to improve prescription drug access and create more transparency and flexibility in the process of step therapy. When a patient is prescribed a certain drug treatment, their health insurance plan may require them to try a less expensive treatment before the originally prescribed drug. This process is known as step therapy. Senate Bill 26 requires step therapy protocol to take into account a patient's medical history and how their medical condition might interfere with the drug's effect. Senate Bill 26 empowers the consumer with the ability to impact their own healthcare choices and care.

"I'm proud to have co-sponsored Senate Bill 26. This bipartisan legislation will improve healthcare access and transparency. It's crucial that patients are receiving the healthcare and treatments that best meet their needs. This bill reinforces that the health of patients is more important than the profits of insurance companies," Sen. Feyen said. "I look forward to seeing this legislation signed into law, and seeing the positive impact that it will have on healthcare in Wisconsin."

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